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The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution. The reasons therefore will be communicated to you by the examiner.

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The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action.

  
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